

BookletChart™

Crawfish Inlet to Sitka

NOAA Chart 17326

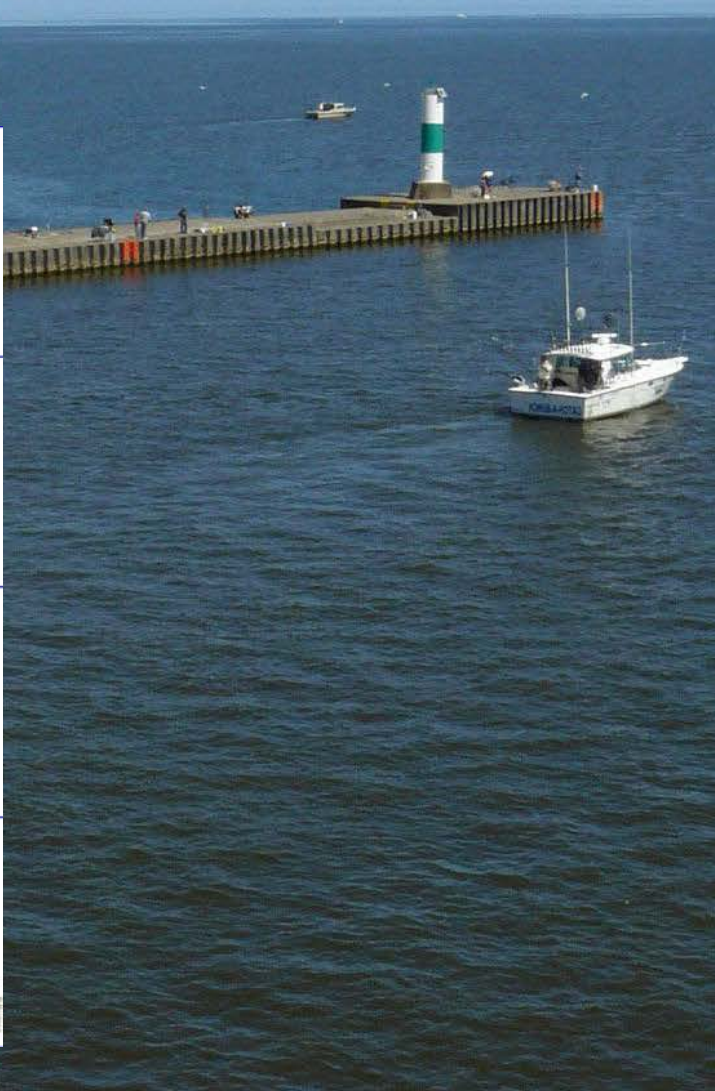
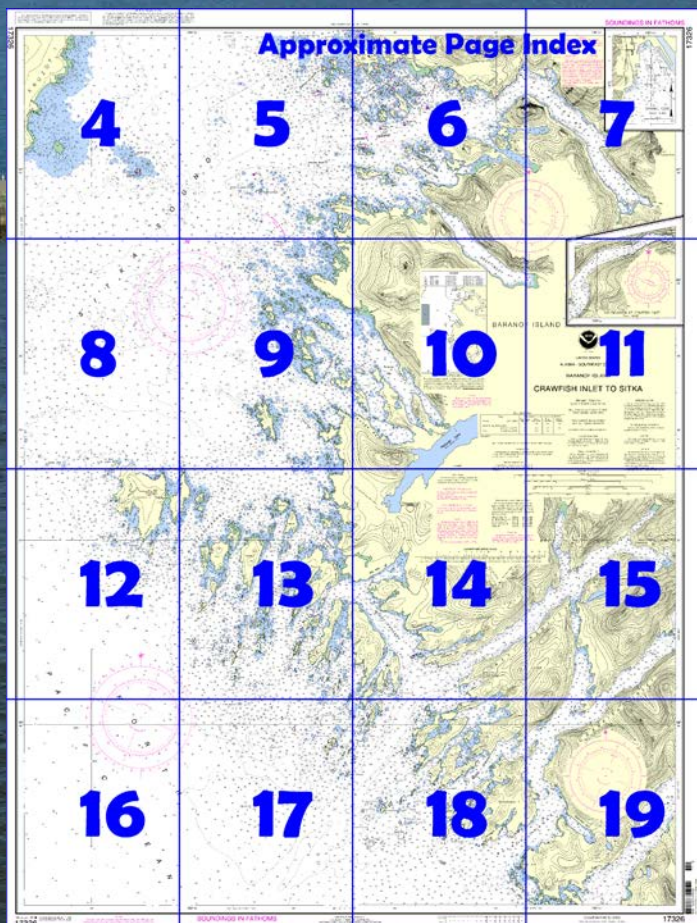


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Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

What is a BookletChart™?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

Whenever possible, use the official, full scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Nautical chart sales agents are listed on the Internet at <http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov>.

This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Notice to Mariners Correction Status

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

For latest Coast Pilot excerpt visit the Office of Coast Survey website at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=17326>.



(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

Crawfish Inlets, with entrances 6.5 to 11.5 miles NW of North Cape (56°36'N., 135°08'W.), consist of two principal arms connected inland by Cedar Pass. The inlets and entrances are generally deep and clear, but between the two principal entrances are off-lying dangers.

Walker Channel is the SE entrance to Crawfish Inlet, and **Aspid Cape**, low and wooded, forms the SE point at the entrance.

Jamboree Bay, with a depth of 5½ fathoms in the entrance, extends SE from the head of Walker Channel. In entering, keep in midchannel, and

anchor near the head of the bay in 10 to 17 fathoms with good holding ground. SE winds sweep through the anchorage with considerable force. **Rakof Islands** are a group of wooded islands between Walker Channel and the entrance to West Crawfish Inlet. **Beauchamp Island**, the largest island of the group, forms the NW side of Walker Channel. **Scow Island**, the SW island of the group, is W of Beauchamp Island.

Scow Bay indents the W shore of Beauchamp Island and is much used by local fishermen as an anchorage. Favor the SE shore when entering the bay, passing S of all the islands near the entrance. At the narrows leading to the basin at the head of the bay, a 10-foot shoal extends 100 yards NE from the island on the SE. Maintain midchannel between the charted rocks and island. There is good anchorage off the point about 0.8 mile above the entrance on the N shore of the bay in 10 fathoms, mud bottom; also in the basin at the head of the bay in 2½ to 3¼ fathoms, mud bottom.

Middle Channel is a passage leading to Crawfish Inlet from the sea, midway between Walker Channel and West Crawfish Inlet. Setting a course from SW, to pass close to the NW side of Scow Island, then adjusting course as necessary to clear the island, islets, and rocks N of Scow Island will lead clear of the dangers up to this entrance. One mile inside this entrance, near midchannel, is a submerged rock with ¼-fathom over it and marked by kelp, which should preferably be passed to the S.

Biali Rock, bare and white, is the extreme W islet of a chain of bare islets that extend W from Rakof Islands. Foul ground extends for about 1 mile S and E of the rock. **South Rocks** are a group of rocks, awash at high water, near the SE limit of the foul ground.

An inside passage furnishes protection for small craft bound for Sitka.

Pass E of Scow Island, avoiding the rock in midchannel, and through

Cameron Pass. Favor the SE shore of Middle Channel until up to **Second**

Narrows. Pass E of a large rock off the point, then favor the S shore, and take a midchannel course through the narrows. A shoal of 2½ fathoms is in Second Narrows. Head N until up to an opening leading NW. Favor the SW shore of this opening, passing a rock covered ¾-fathom in the center. Then head NE for about 0.6 mile and turn W around a point, passing in midchannel through **First Narrows**. Cross West Crawfish Inlet and enter Windy Passage.

Crawfish Inlet is deep and clear except for a rock that uncovers 3 feet in midchannel, about 3.5 miles from its junction with Walker Channel, Middle Channel, and Cedar Pass and a 4-fathom shoal on the E side of the channel in about 56°47'53"N., 135°05'45"W. and about 3 miles from the head. The inlet can be entered from seaward through Walker Channel or Middle Channel; the former is safer.

Cedar Pass, connecting Crawfish Inlet with West Crawfish Inlet, is suitable only for small craft. In using the pass, favor the W shore up to the narrows, then keep a midchannel course. **Lodge Island** is the large island that forms the W side of Cedar Pass. The bay formed by the bight in Lodge Island and the Rakof Islands, located between First Narrows and Second Narrows, affords good protection and anchorage for vessels up to 300 feet in length, clay bottom. Large vessels must enter the bay by passing N of Biali Rock outside of the 20 fathom contour and heading ENE to the narrow, deep cut between the Rakoff Islands. This cut is about 200 yards wide, but carries 15 fathoms at midchannel with no dangers extending from the steep vertical walls into the cut. Anchorage in 19 fathoms may be found 400 yards NW of the islet in the middle of the bay.

U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center 24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies

RCC Juneau

Commander

17th CG District

Juneau, Alaska

(907) 463-2000

Table of Selected Chart Notes

NOTE B

SITKA HARBOR

All aids, dangers, cable areas and hydrography removed from this area use chart 17327.

HEIGHTS

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Mercator Projection

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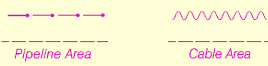
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For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1

CAUTION

SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES

Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas are shown as:



Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and submarine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling.

Covered wells may be marked by lighted or unlighted buoys.

NOTE C

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RADAR REFLECTORS

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WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

POLLUTION REPORTS

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LOCAL MAGNETIC DISTURBANCE

Differences of as much as 4° from the normal variation have been observed on Obseck Island.

COLREGS, 80.1705 (see note A)

International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.
The entire area of this chart falls seaward of the COLREGS Demarcation Line.

VEGETATION

The land is generally heavily wooded. The woods decrease in density with the elevation leaving the higher elevations bare.

CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117.

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CAUTION

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NOTE A

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 8. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 17th Coast Guard District in Juneau, Alaska, or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Anchorage, Alaska.

Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 1.322' southward and 6.357' westward to agree with this chart.

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AIDS TO NAVIGATION

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SOURCE DIAGRAM

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AUTHORITIES

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TIDAL INFORMATION

PLACE		Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)		
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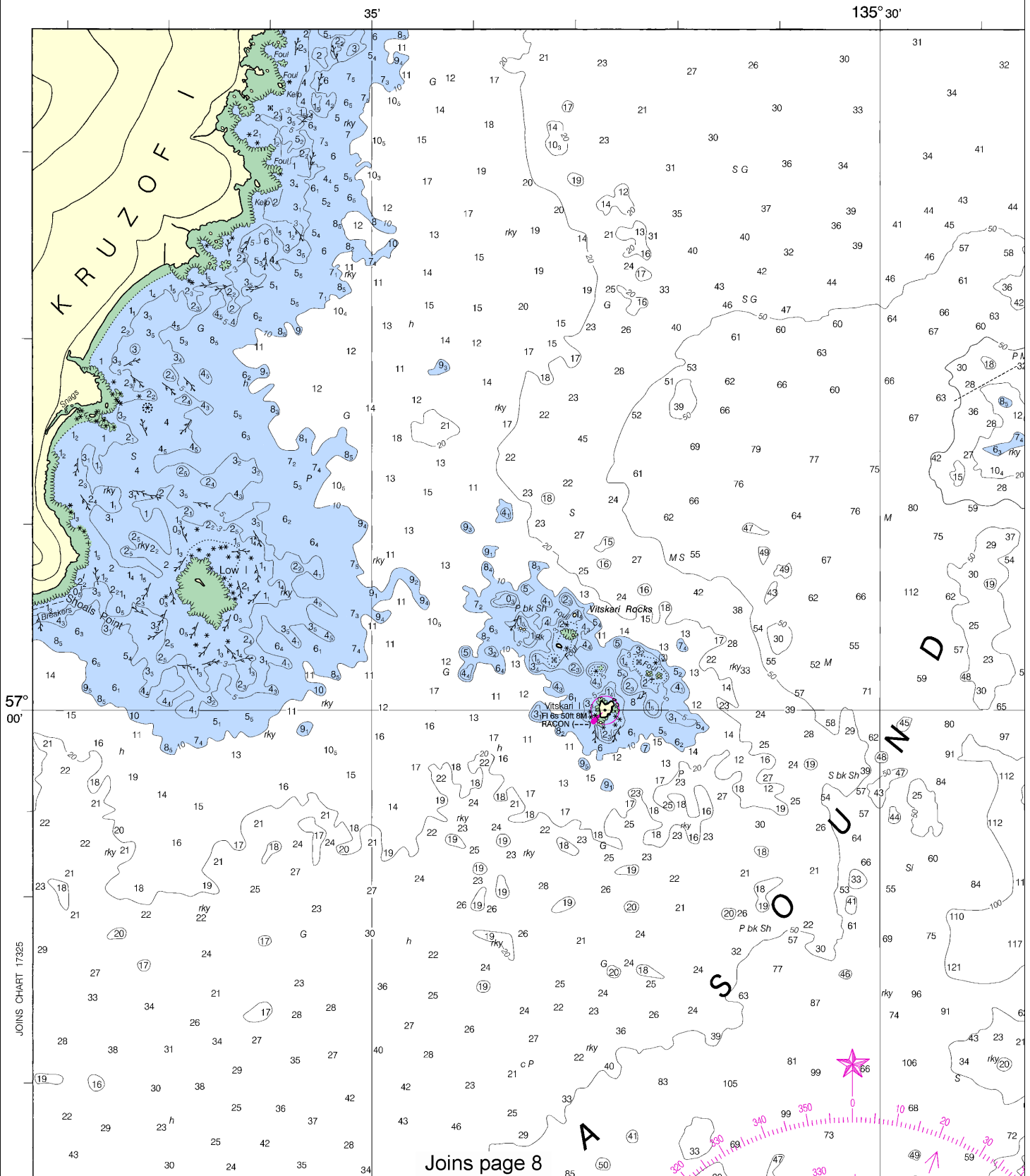
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This nautical chart has been designed to promote safe navigation. The National Ocean Service encourages users to submit corrections, additions, or comments for improving this chart to the Chief, Marine Chart Division (N/CS2), National Ocean Service, NOAA, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3282.

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NOAA and its partner, OceanGrafix, offer this chart updated weekly by NOAA for Notices to Mariners and critical corrections. Charts are printed when ordered using Print-on-Demand technology. New Editions are available 2-8 weeks before their release as traditional NOAA charts. Ask your chart agent about Print-on-Demand charts or contact NOAA at <http://ocsdna.nod.noaa.gov/ids/inquiry.aspx>, or OceanGrafix at 1-877-56CHART or <http://www.oceangrafix.com>.

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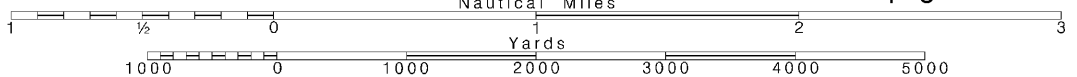
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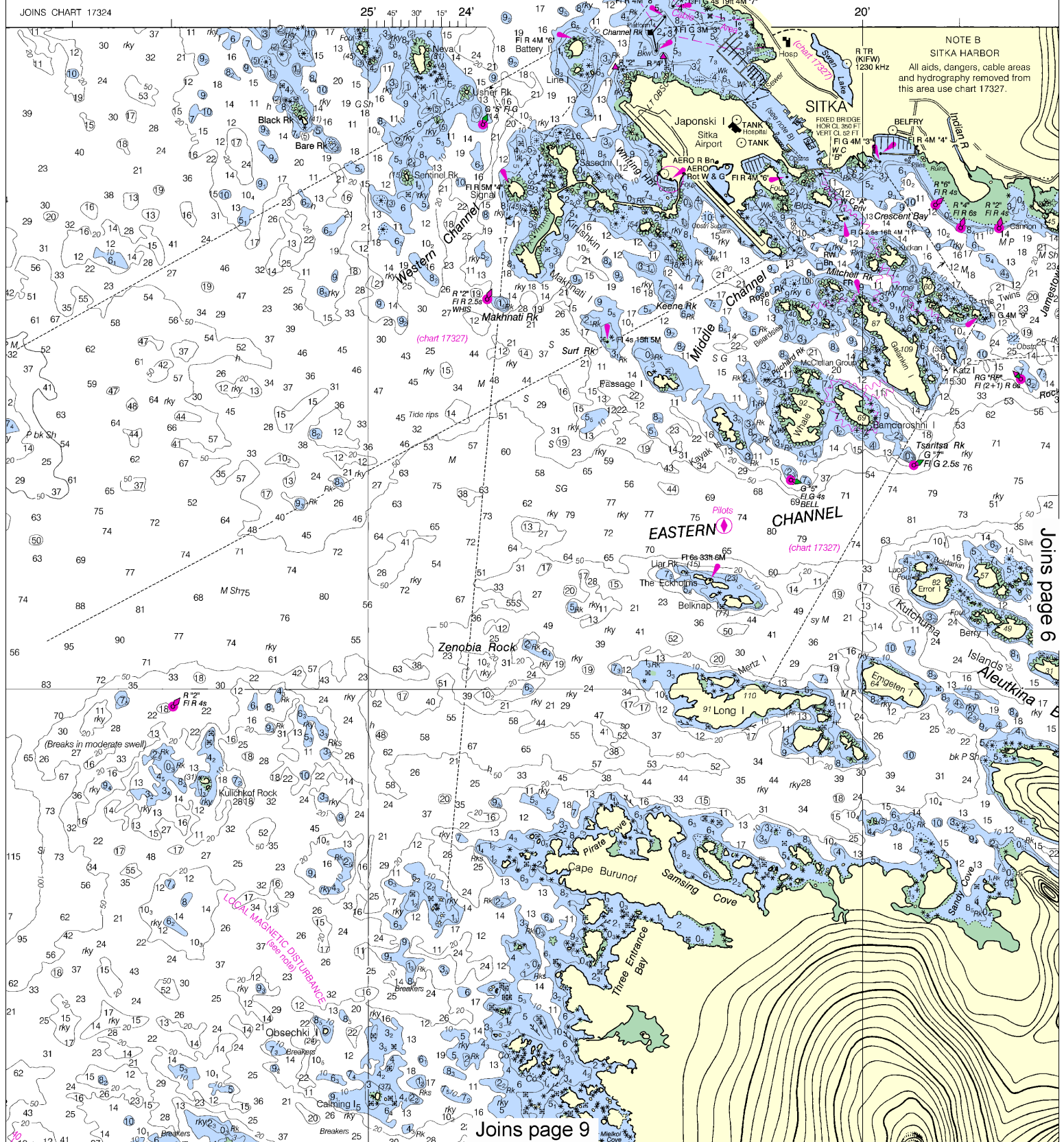
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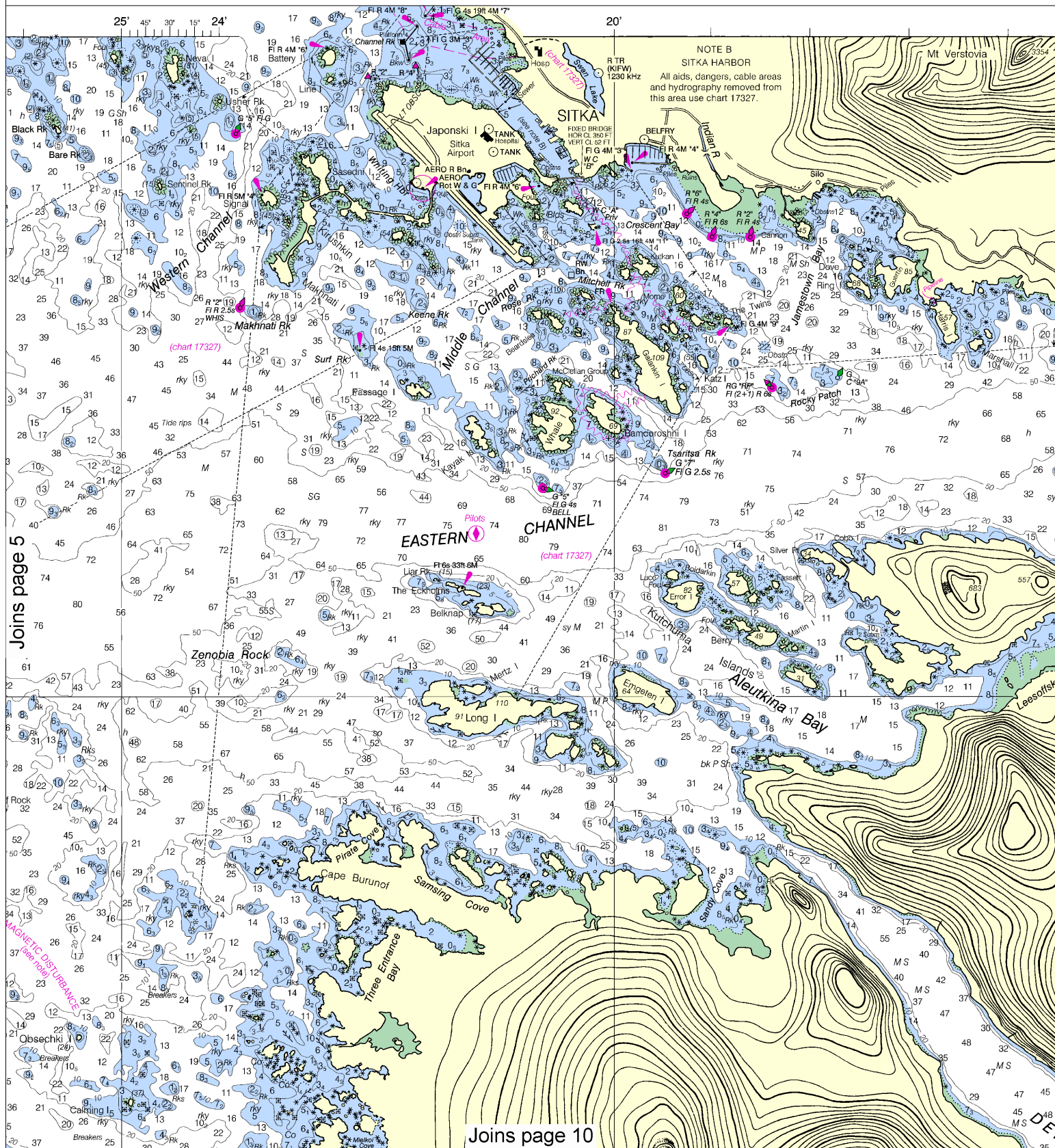
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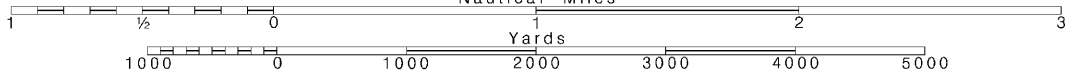
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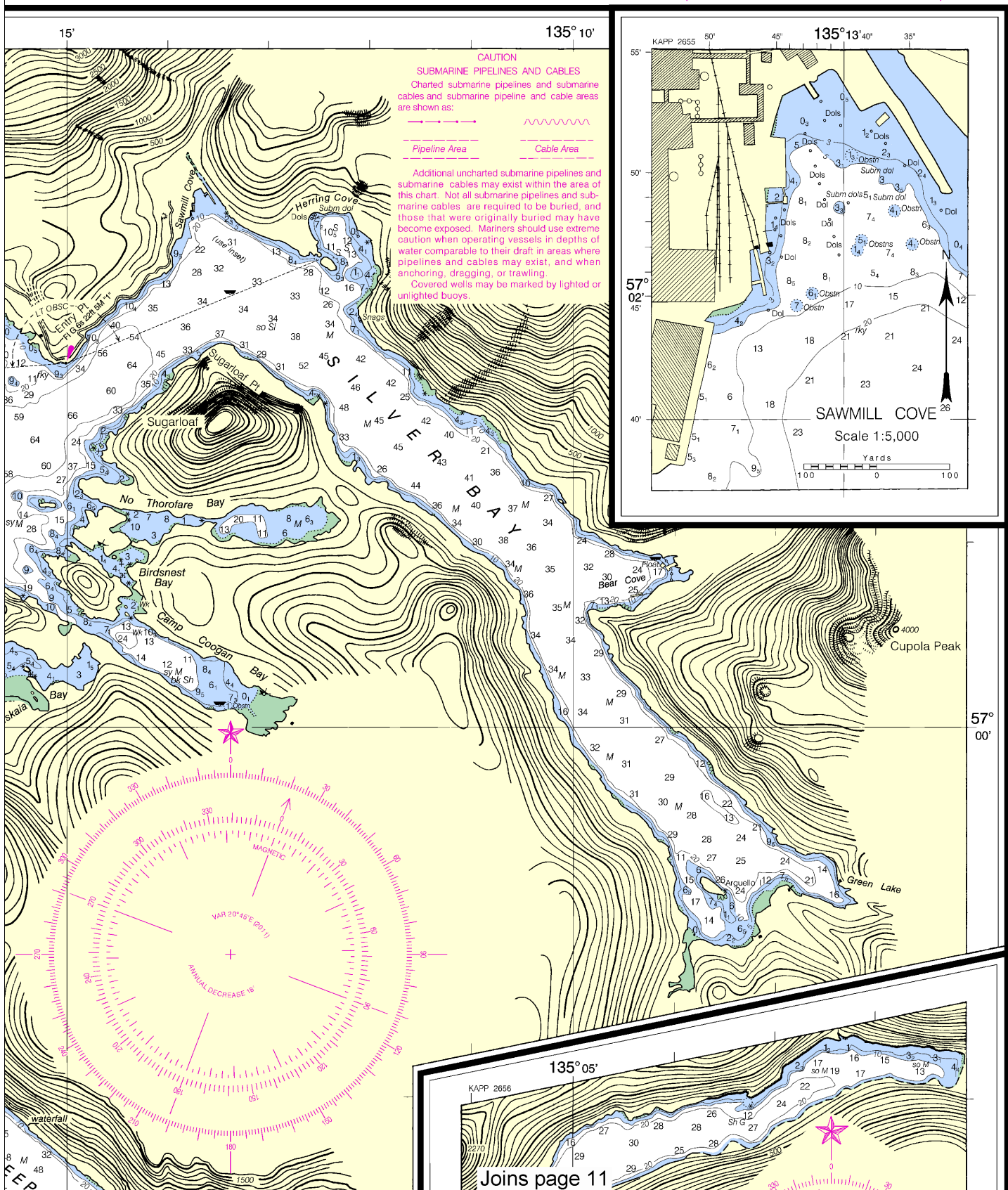
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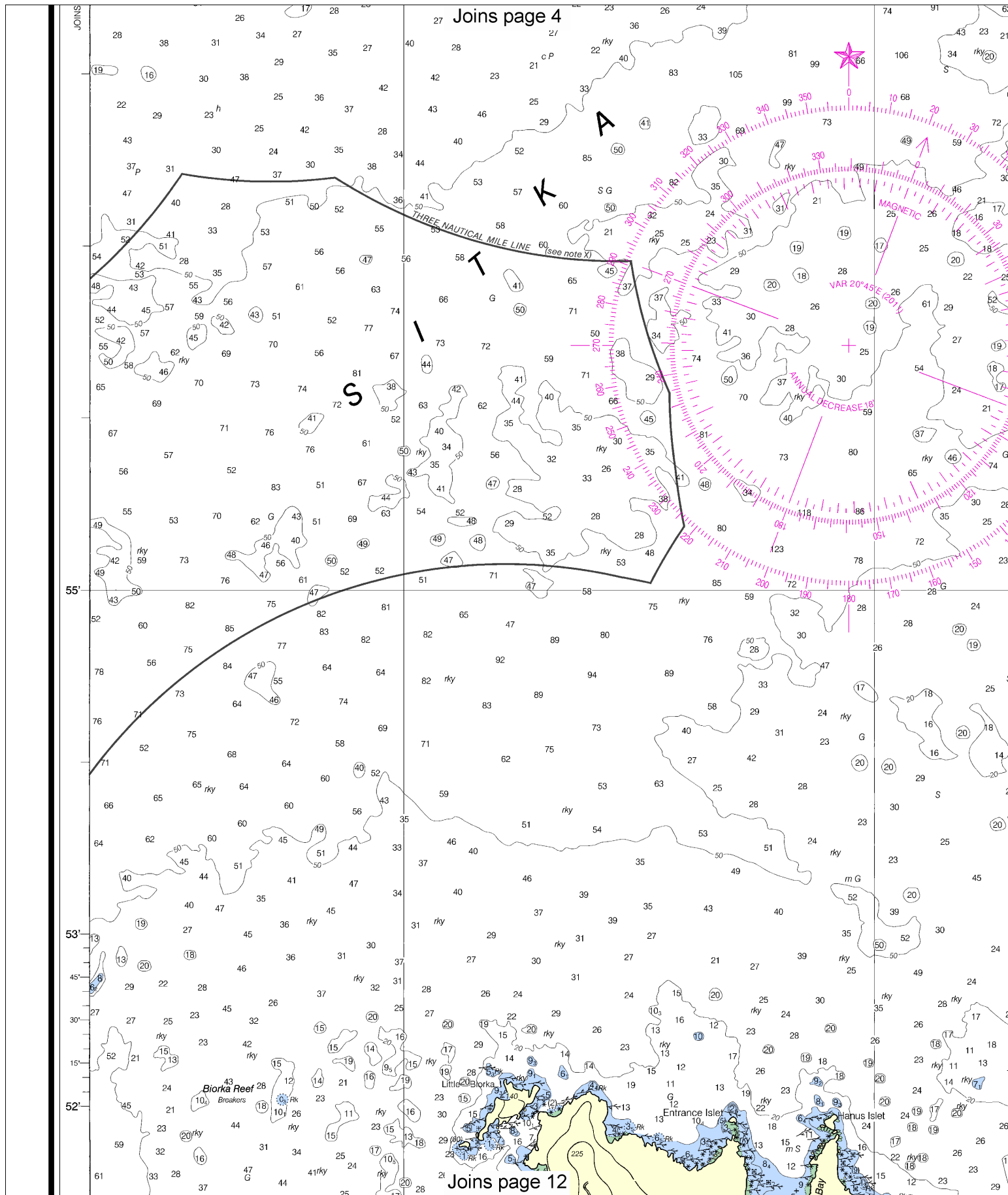
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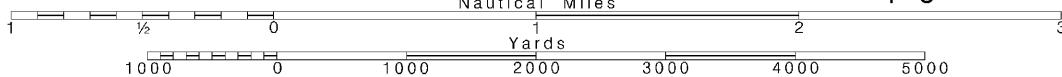
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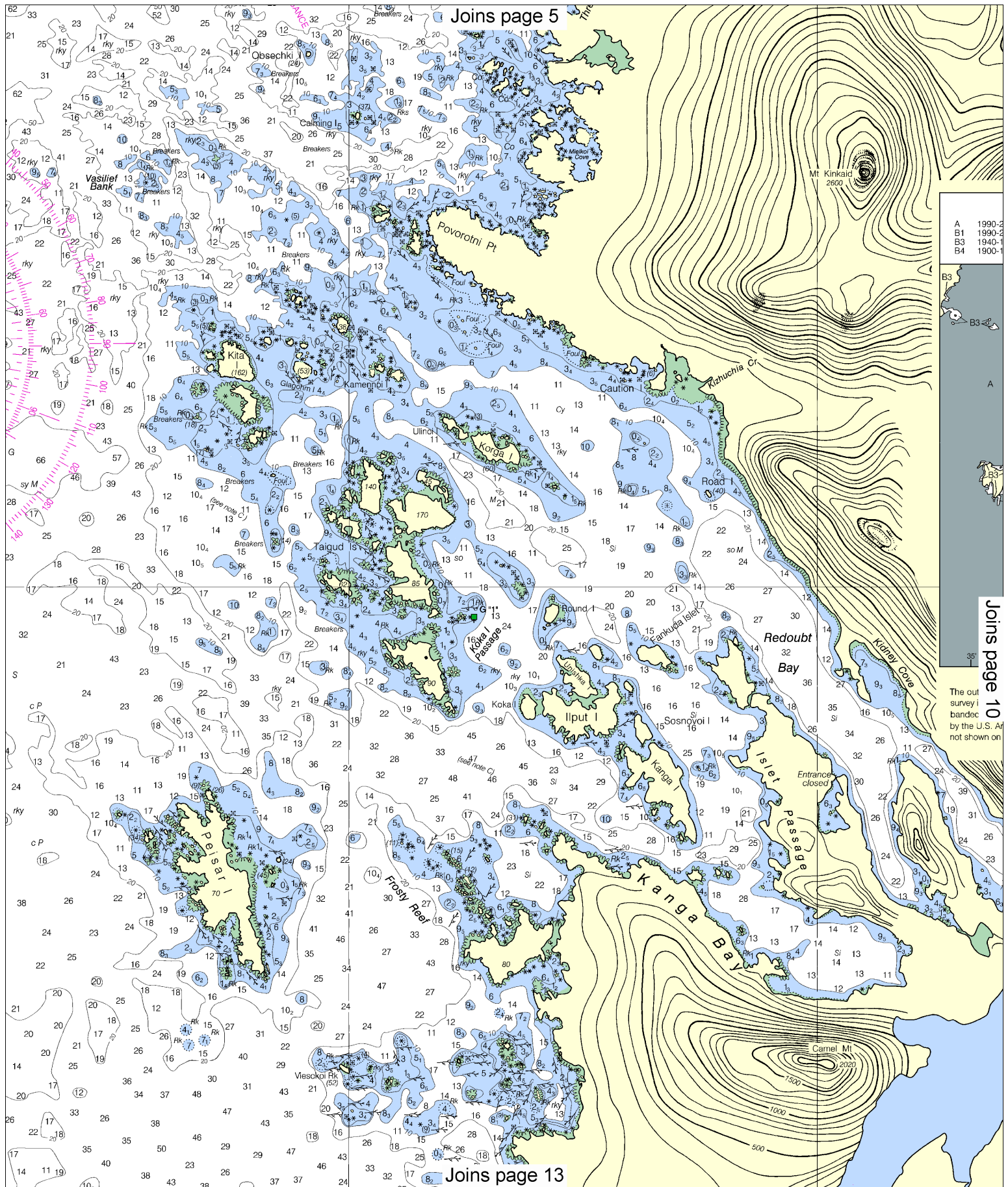
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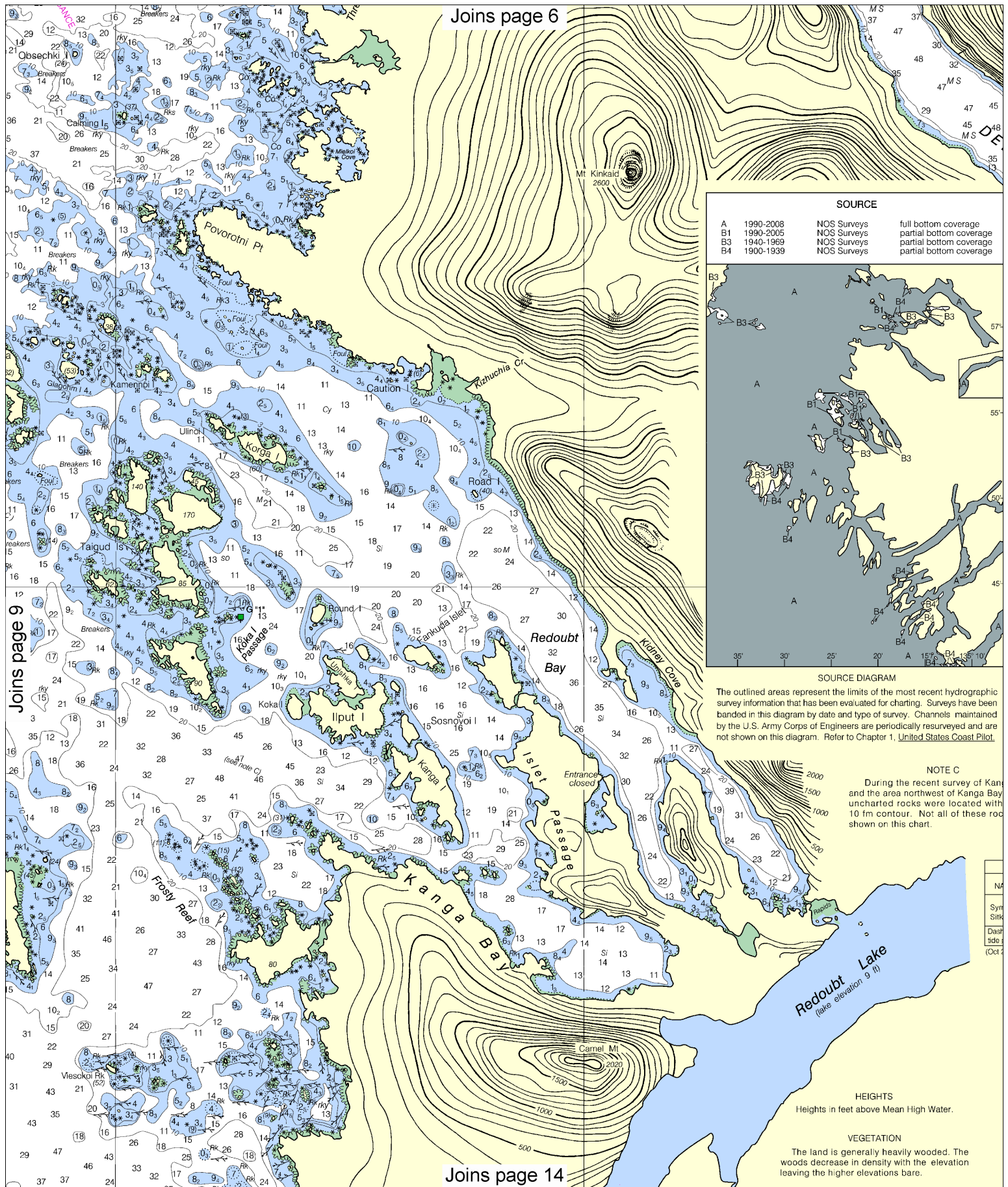
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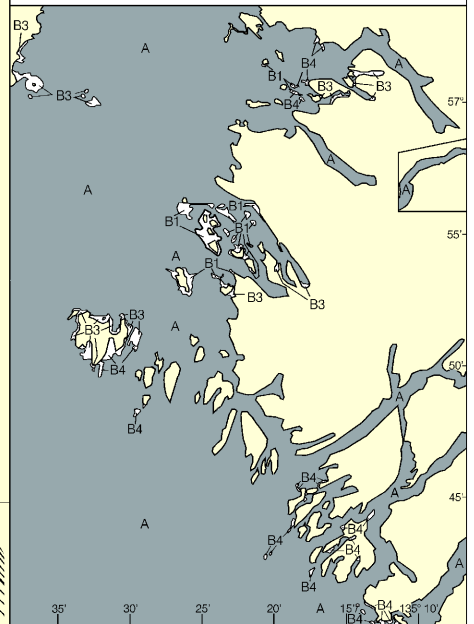




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SOURCE

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B1	1990-2005	NOS Surveys	partial bottom coverage
B3	1940-1969	NOS Surveys	partial bottom coverage
B4	1900-1939	NOS Surveys	partial bottom coverage



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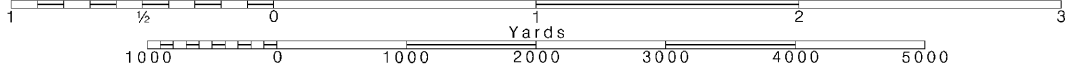
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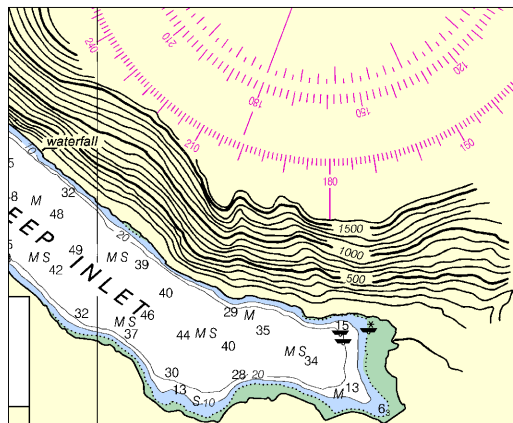
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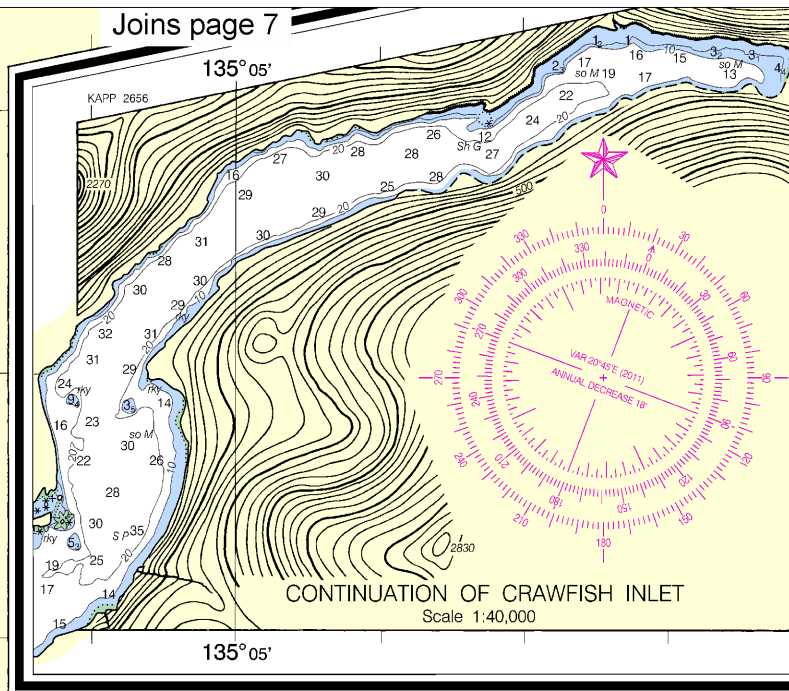




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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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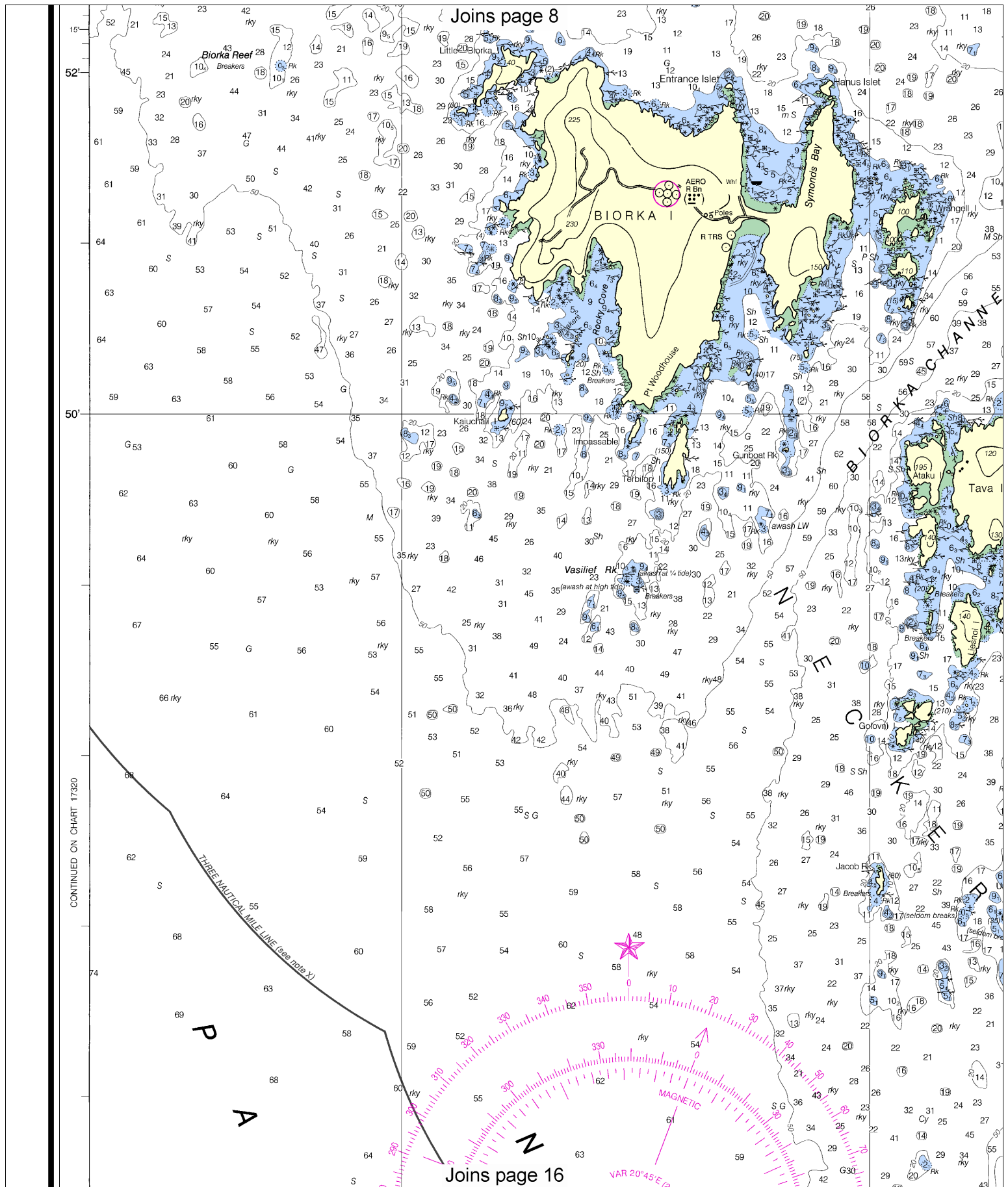
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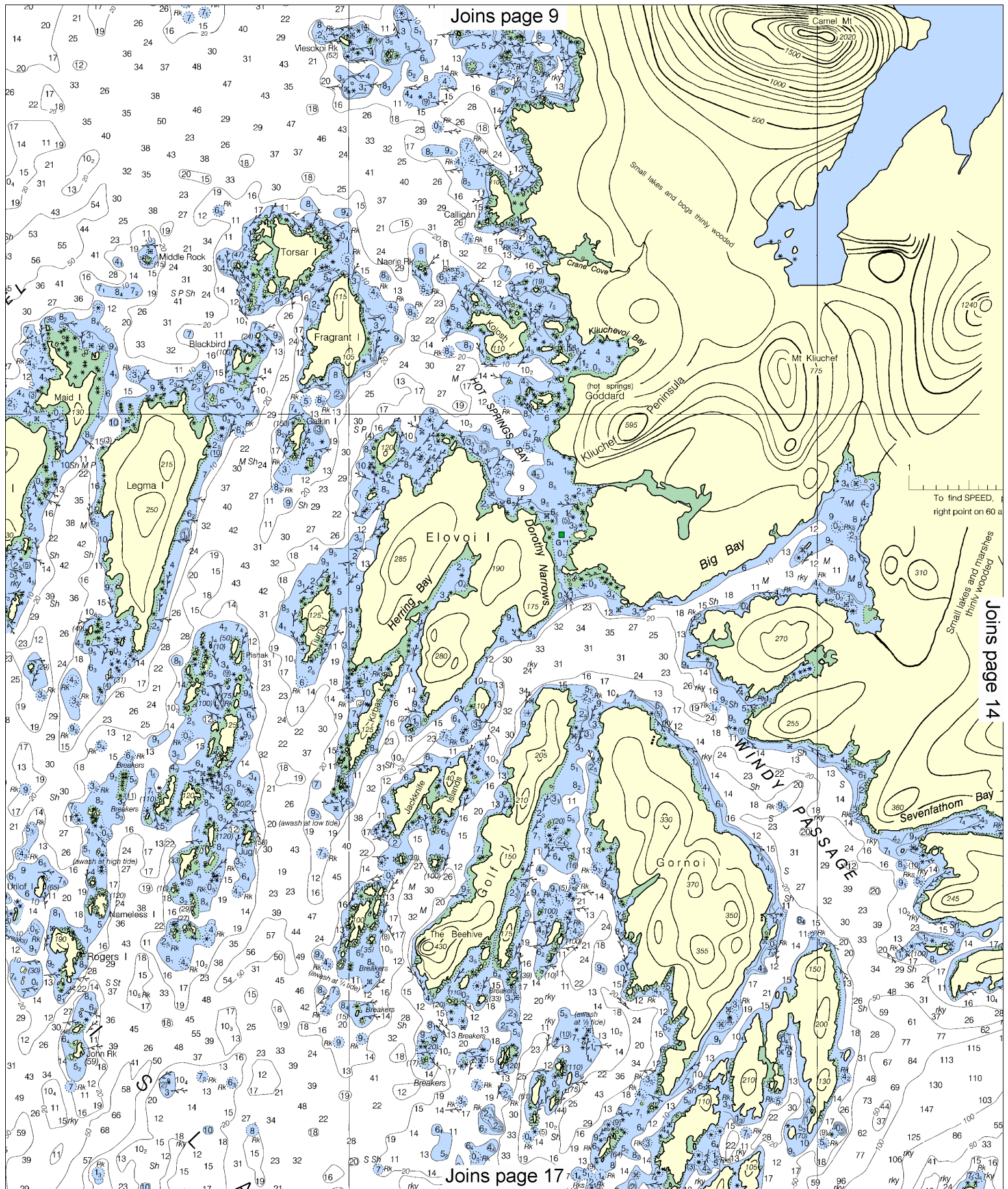
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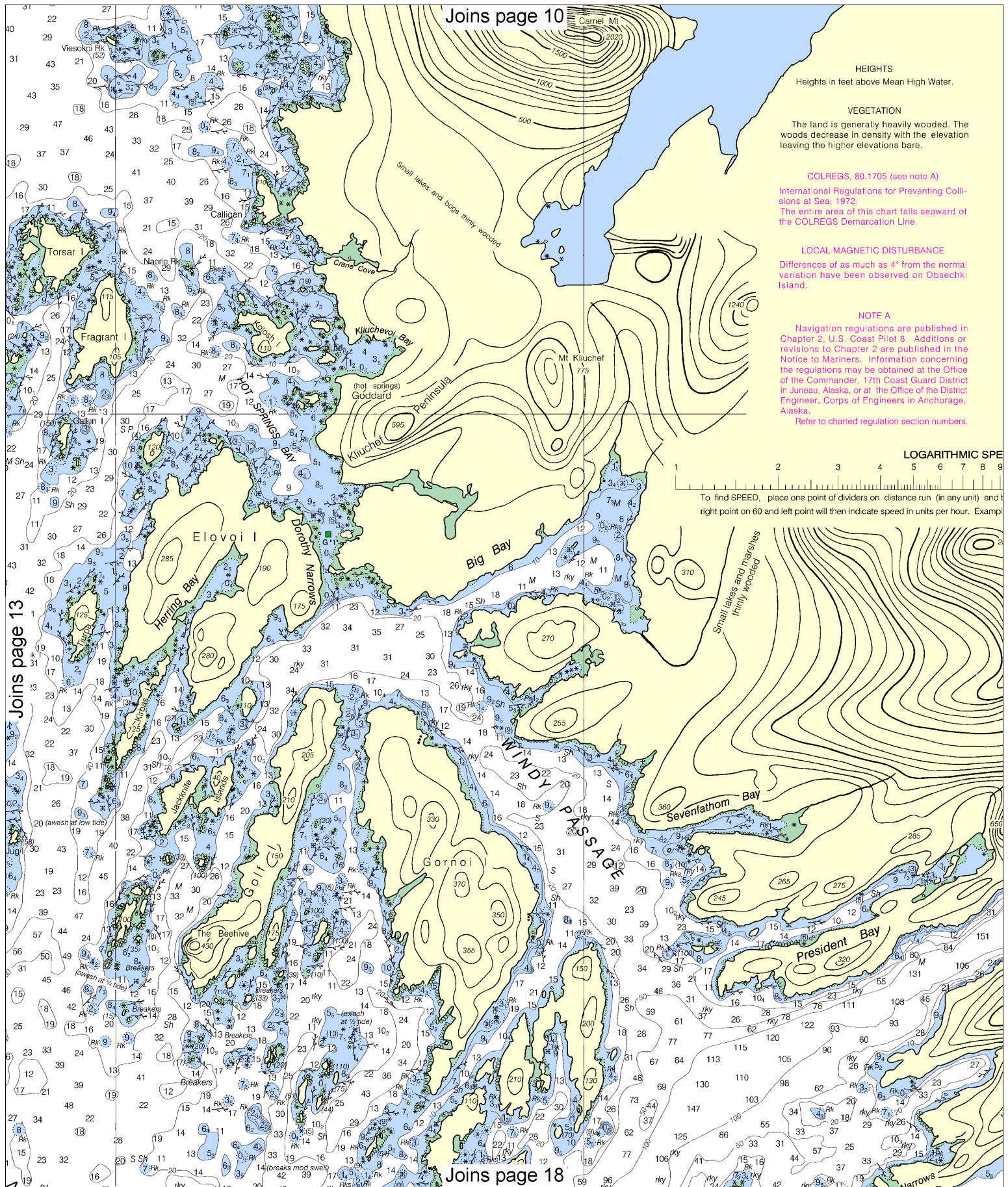
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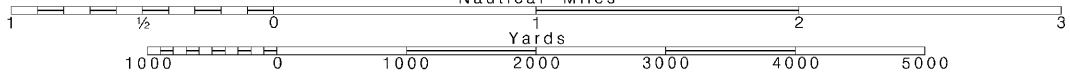
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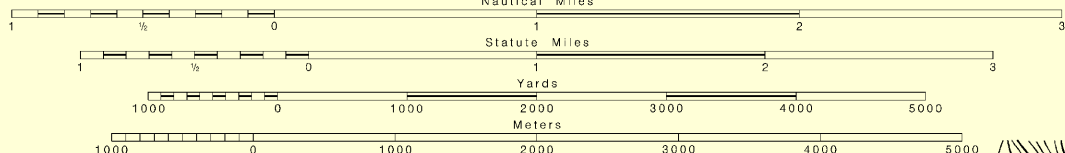
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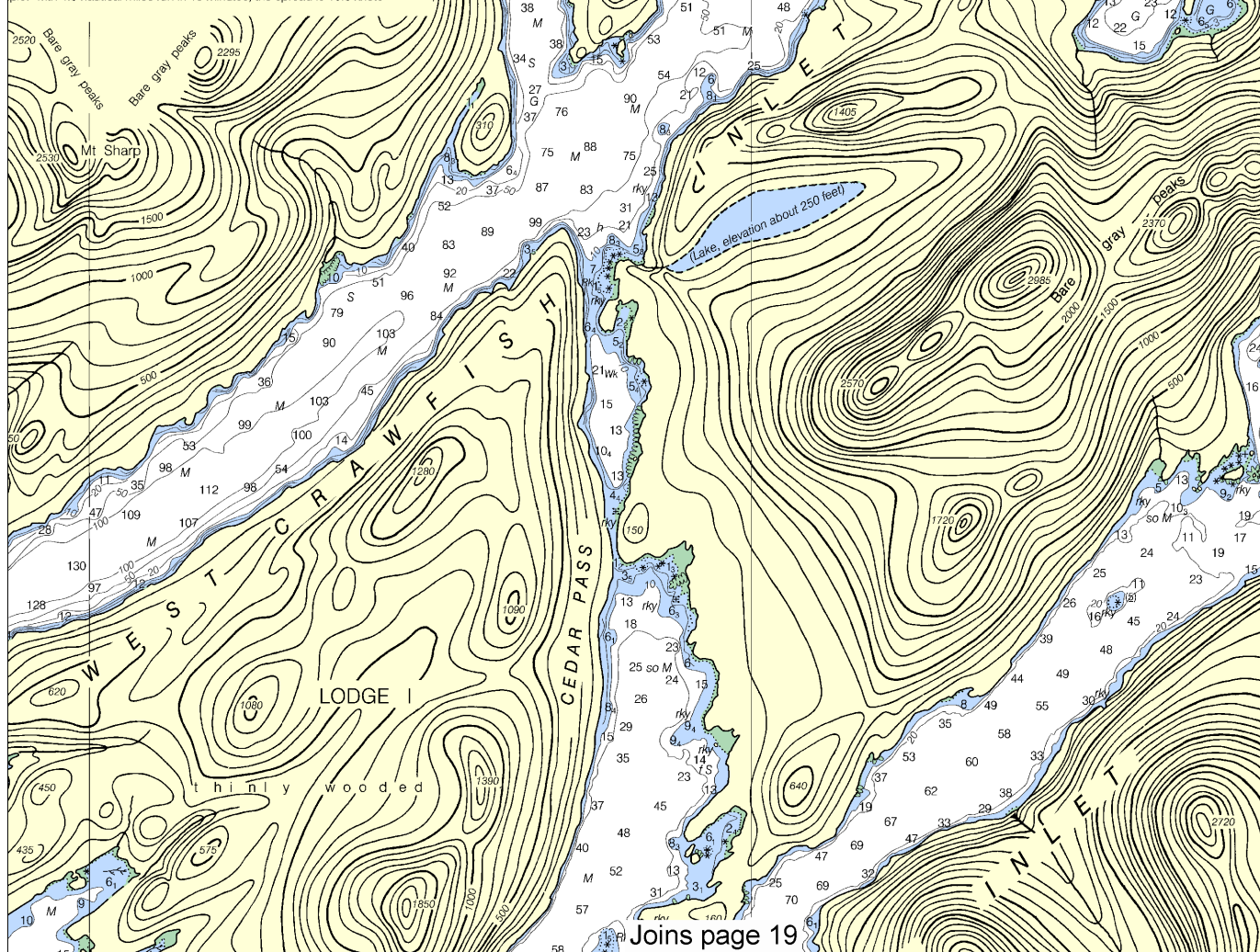
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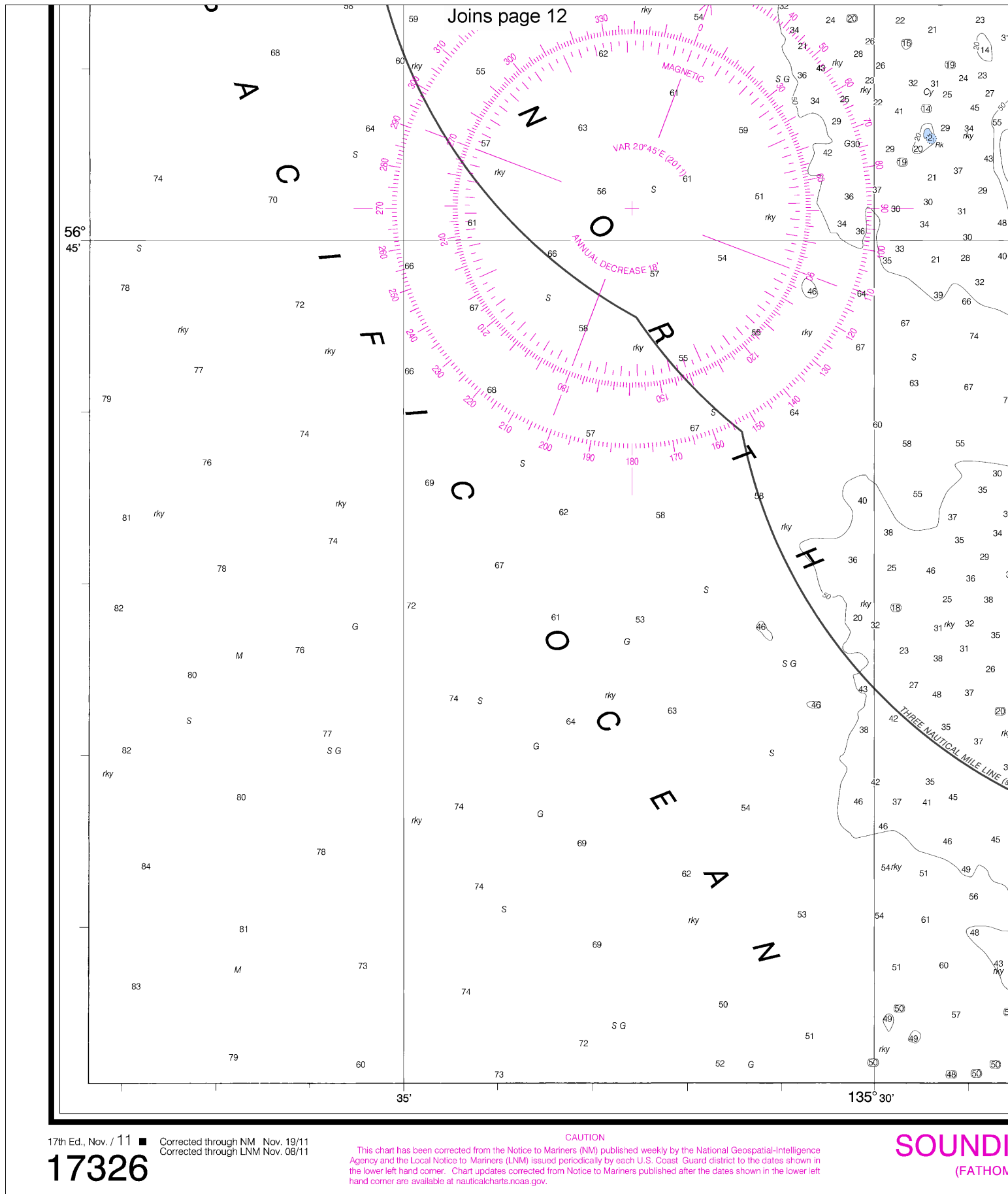
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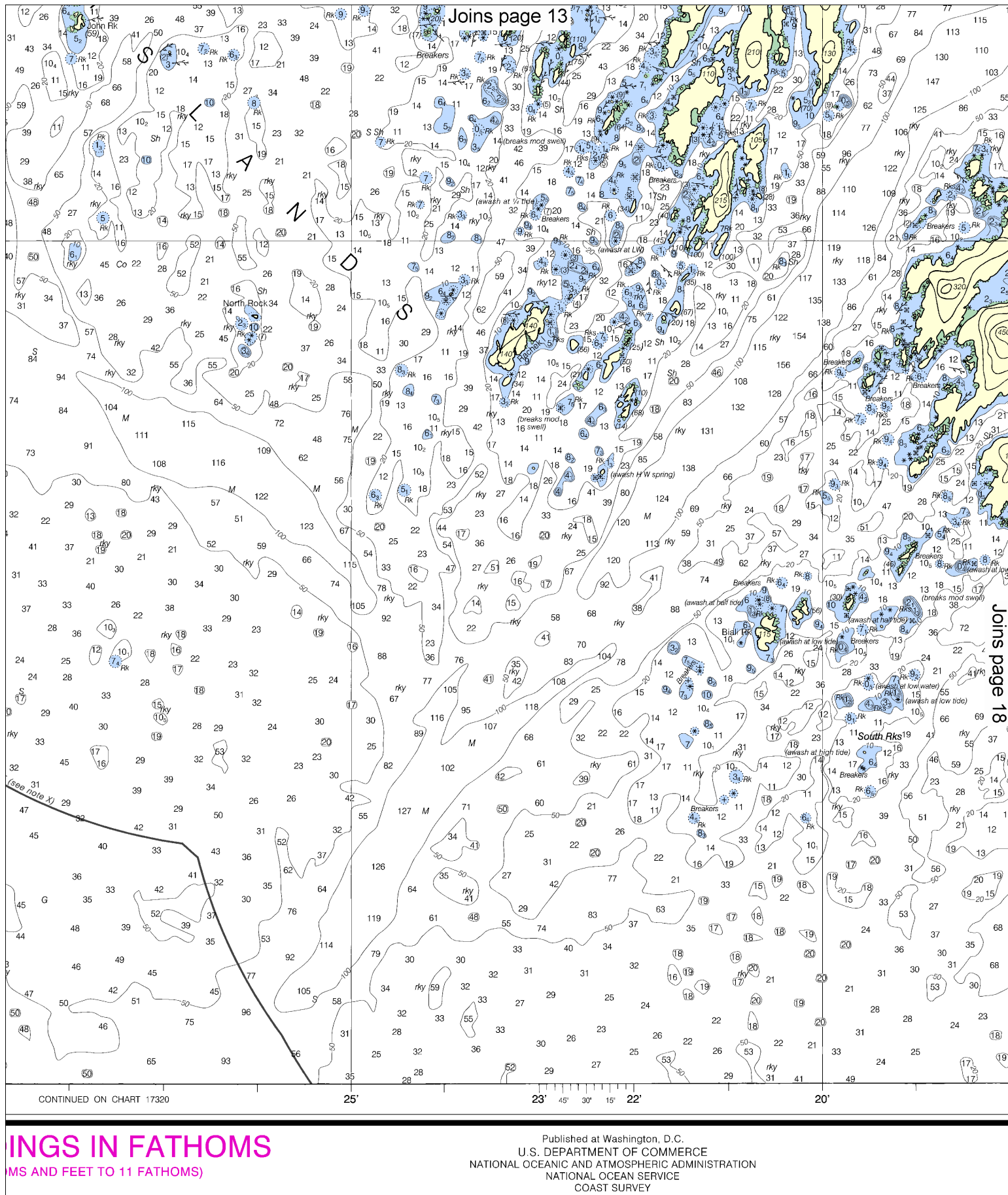
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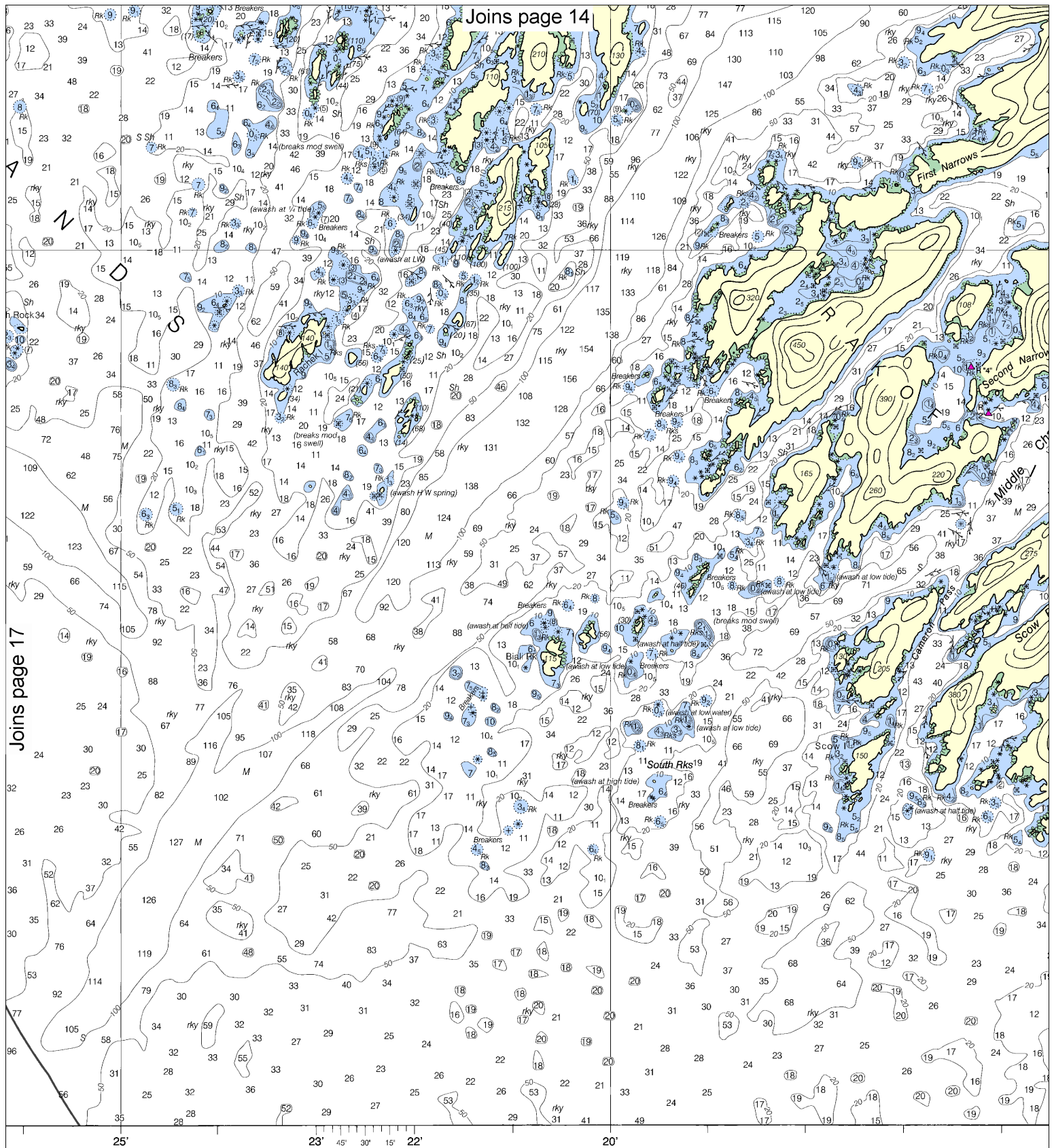
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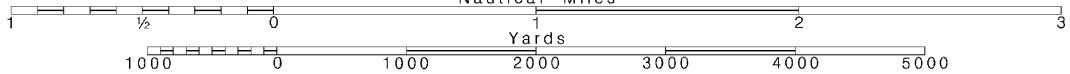
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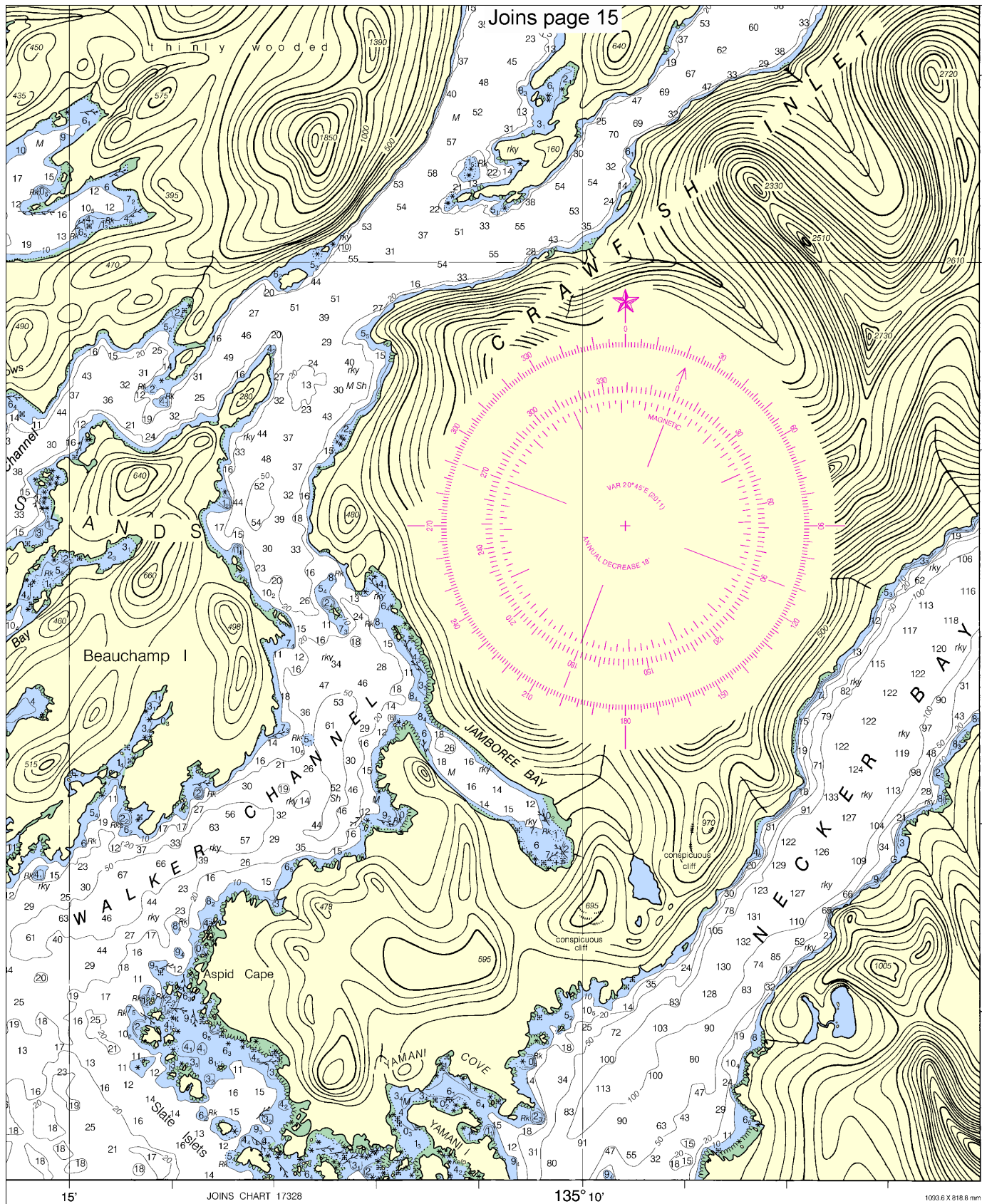
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VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Getting and Giving Help — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

Distress Call Procedures

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds — If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

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